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MEET MRS. MARCELLETTI

Mrs. Marcelletti is the new special ed. teacher this semester, replacing Mrs. Davidson who had a baby girl in February. Mrs. Marcelletti has been subbing in the building for a number of years.

She is married and has two children, Jason, a freshman at Ferris, and Amanda. an eighth grader here.

She taught elementary school in Delton before becoming a substitute.

One of her special experiences was being an exchange student in Germany for three months.

Some of her favorite things are the middle school kids, pizza, football and chocolate.

by a. marcelletti

Anne, Amanda + Marcy Win

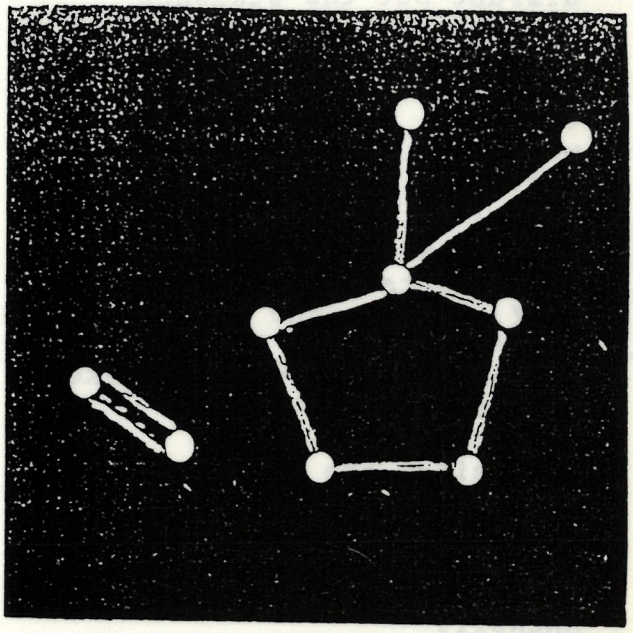
The America and Me essay contest winners from PAw PAw Middle School were Anne Clark, first place, Amanda Marcelletti, second place, and thid place, Marcy Leathers.

The students in Mrs. Swanson's English classes wrote essay on the theme "America and Me: How we will Work Together."

Anne's essay is now being judged at the state level where if she wins, she will get invited to meet Governor Blanchard and could win up to a thousand dollars in savings bonds.

The contest is sponsored statewide by the Farm Bureau Insurance Agency.

a.c.



A Constellation Explained

Back in the time of the stone age and the cavemen, a woman found a box. This box showed pictures inside it. There was also a controller with it that could change the picture.

A man named Tela Veeson was jealous o this woman for finding it, so before anyone else could find out about it, he went to a remote island where the almighty controller lived. He asked for him to put in the sky where nobody could reach it.

He granted him this wish and put it in the heavensas a constellation. This is now what we know as the television and remote control.

s. sommerfelt

LETTER TO The Editor

To the Good Times:

I don't think there should be a dress code. A limited one maight be okay like no holes in the jeans wihout shots and pants under them or really short shorts or shirts or skirts. But the thing with cut-offs with fringe on or sweatpants- people say they disrupt but the students aren't going to want to work if theyare uncomfortable.

There is nothing wrong with cut offs. Our parents used to wear them and we are just putting a little more class into it.

Sweatpants are just like sweatshirts-just the bottom half. This is the nineties. We aren't living in the sixties anymore. We all want to make a big fashion statement.

I think they should reconsider the dress code and maybe begin to let us wear whatever we want within reason,

RaeEllen MAcNeill

HAVE A LUNCH-

Ladies and Gentlemen:

May I please direct your attention to this genuine, recycled brown paper bag. Priced at onl $200, it is ready to go. But folks, that's not all you get for your $200. You also get this pure cracked wheat bread. This bread, filled with some cheese and a few gallons of mayo, is made from the finest ingredients. If you get the bread you can also have this hunk of carrot and healthy good-for-you juice box. This lunch set is not too tasty but can make a nice decoration when placed carefully at the bottom of a trash can.

i.r.

Field Trip Soon

The 8th grade field trip to Chicago is scheduled for April 27.

8th Grade Annual May 11

The 8th grade annual is scheduled for May 11. It was moved from the 18th but there is a big track meet that night.

Dress for the annual is simple. Dress up but don't go overboard. You don't have to have a new suit or a semi-formal gown. Wear what you can wear again somewhere else sometime.

Also please note the dance is for eighth graders only and only those fro Michigan AVenue.

m.w.

Mr. Hubble new student teacher

Mr. Craig Hubble is a student teacher in both Mr. Erickson and Mrs. Swanson's rooms. He is also working with small groups of sixth graders.

He is originally from Buchanan, Michigan. Right now is attending Western Michigan University studying math, science and English. After graduation he hopes to teach 8th grade science somewhere in Michigan.

He is getting married to his fiance Jill in November.

Being a camp counselor for Camp Crystal Springs, Dowagiac, inspired hin to be a teacher.

He enjoys listening to Broadway music and jazz of all kinds. He loves any kind of Italian food because his mothr is Italian.

His hobbies include water and snow skiing and playing racquetball. His favorite movie is Gone With the Wind amd his favorite sport to watch is track because he used to run it in school.

I'm sure we will all miss him when he leaves April 27th.

Also Brad Belkoski can't beat him at arm wrestling.

p.blakely and s. coffman

Glory Great to Go See

The movie Glory was an excellent movie with great excitement. The movie took place during the Civil War in Abraham Lincoln's terms. Glory starred Matthew Broderick who was commander of a group of black soldiers, wanted to prove that blacks could fight just as well as white soldiers.

The commander of Unit 54 of Massachusetts , who was Broderick, stuck up for his men and tried to get them into battle. After they fight once, they wipd out a whole other unit from the other side. The General is pleased with them, to say the last.

At the end the General sends Unit 54 to Fort WAgner. Fort Wagner was thebase fo the Southern fighters. Only the vravest unit would go first. Unit 54 does it. EVery man in the unit dies in the battle but they are remembered as the bravest unit in the Civil War.

The movie is rated "R", but it is excellent for middle and high school age.

by Yalin

Far Away

I wish I were far away

In a place where dreams come true.
Where apples grow from row to row
Where trees will always grow.
I dream that I am far away
In a place where dreams come true.

A. Willliams

Riding
fast, quick
zooming, speeding, passing
car, plane, shoes, stick
marching, tramping, hiking
slow, sluggish
Walking.

B.Vloch

ANOTHER CONSTELLATION

McDonald's recently purchased the right to change the thousand year old constellation of CAnis Major to their sign. It has out raged some people, but McDonald officials say it's a big boost for sales.

C. Olsen

Mrs. Kichak new this Term

Mrs. Kichak is the junior high home economics teacher. In her past she has taught junior and senior high home ec.,science, and social studies. Attending michigan State, she earned her bachelor's degree in science. She has a husband but no kids or pets. She grew up with one brother and six sisters.

In her spare time Mrs. Kichak enjoys tennis, horseback riding, swimming and running. Her favorite animal is the dog. Her favorite color is red and her favorite music is the 60's and her favorite subject is history. When asked what her favorite food is Mrs. Kichak replied, "Oh let's see. I don't really have a favorite food. I like a lot."

Mrs.Kichak's most hilarious moment was very recent when she showed a French film to her students. Her future plans are to continue education.

S. Dudycha

MARCH ISSUE of GOOD TIMES

This issue of the Good Times was produced by Mrs. Swanson's 2nd hour class. IF you have good ideas or want to write stories, please bring them to room 203 before May 10 for the next issue. Thank you.

Jokes, Jokes, Jokes...

What are your favorite jokes? The pollsters asked that of most middle schoolers this time and netted a variety of answers.

Jenny Abnet said," Why was the tomato in such a hurry? It wanted catch up."

Lindsay Smith said," What do you get when you cross a lizard with abaseball player?. An outfielder who catches flies with his tongue."

Erin Kerwin's knock knock was "Knock knock. Who's there? Dwayne. Dwayne who? Dwayne the tub- I'm drowning."

Mr. Watterworth said," Why did the man tiptoe past Upjohn's? He didn't wantto wake up the sleeping pills."

Cliff Selent suggested this:"What's green and red on Christmas? A tree on fire."

Mary Tapper said,"What did the bird say when its cage broke? Cheap, cheap."

Missy Leathers' joke was," If a rooster was on top of a barn at a point and he laid an egg, which way would the egg roll?..... It wouldn't. Roosters don't lay eggs."

Matt Williams asked," What do you do when a moron throws a grenade at you? Pull the pin and throw it back."

Chris Nickless wondered, " Why does Michigan STate use artificial turf? To keep the cheerleaders from grazing at half time."

Arrow Huff gave us a riddle. "I knew a man who lives in Spain. He tipped his hat and drew his cane . With this riddle I said his name."

Matt Fytczyk and David Barnes asked,"Why did the turtle cross the road? He had to get the shell gas station."

Rhonda Kracker listed one of the jokes of the champ, Mr. Edinger. "What kind of dance did the Pilgrims do? The Plymouth Rock."

Jeremy Zirkle wondered, What dod you call a bug from the moon? A Luna tick."

Mike Vaughn and Brandon Black both wondered," Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? He didn't have the guts to."

Pete Anderson asked," How do you confuse a moron? Pit him in a round room and tell him to sit in a corner."

Finally, to wrap this up with an oldie but goodie... Paul Blakely and Sean Coffman asked, "What time is it when an elephant sits on your fence? Time to get a new fence."

Haiku
nature, 17 syllables,

free-versed,unrhymed,
Japanese
trees, flowers, character,
plot
schemed, exaggerated,
Irish
humorous, 5 lines
Limerick.
G. Rushing

Any Easter Bunny Here?

Another survey asked have you ever dressed up as the Easter Bunny? Aaron DiPrima said,"Why yes, every day, It's a hobby."

Lindsey Thompson said "Yes, I felt like an idiot with socks for ears." Annie CLark did it once for Halloween while Srarh Slager "was in an Easter play."

Michelle Johnson dressed as an Easter bunny for "my little sister's birthday party." Dave Clark too once was a bunny for Halloween too-just like his sister.

SCott Ernstes too was a bunny "for Easter." Nick Harling went as "bunny" for Halloween.

Renae Nardielle went as a "bunny to fool my cousin." Melissa Corneail was a bunny "for an Easter party ata nursing home."

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Beth Warner was " an Easter bunny for a party in kindergarten at HAlloween." Jaci Groenland has "Easter bunny pajamas when he was three." Leslie Shull entertained kindergarteners "dressed an Easter bunny and having them sit on muy lap."

Dorothy Dautreil may have been at the same party. She recalls helping out at an Easter party as an Easter bunny.

Heather Bigelow did too. Her mom told her too. "I even got to throw jelly beans on some hippie in a red corvette." Becky Kneller did to make people laugh.

Naomi WRay had the best explanation. "Yes, I am the Easter Bunny."

PERFECT VACATION

The perfect vacation for some may be
An all-expense-paid trip to Waikiki.

But my vacation must have some style
I'd take the bus to Maple Isle.

I'd walk long its sandy shores
And look at all the junks galore.

Then I'd take a swim with all that trash
And hope to God I'll get no rash.

I'd almost die from the unbearable smell
The stench that causes your head to swell.

Well, there you have it, now you'll see
What the perfect vacation would be for me.

R. Merrill

VOLLEYBALL AT P.P.M.S.

The volleyball coach is Mrs. Laurie Mason and her helper is Ms. Tammy Pio.

Sixty girls are on the team. They practice everey Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 4:00 until March 29th.

They will be playing Plainwell again here in two weeks after the 8th grade trounced them last week. The 7th grade divided two and two.

They will also play Galesburg this week.

The team consists of the following people: 8th graders Heather Dudycha, Shannon Dudycha, Angela Wellington, Renae Davis, Tasha Collins, Kelly Kruissel, Ginny Rushing, Renae Nardielle, Ellen Powless, Danyelle Winkleman, Stephanie Kohlhaas, Nicole Hoffman, Jessica Hansen, Sarah Sommerfelt, Joey Ziemba, Beth Chase, Tara Schaefer, Amy Brown, Cindy McMunn, Aimee Johnson, Chris Nickless, Hanna Richmond, Cheryl Barker, Jess Read, Rhonda Kracker, Missy Tarver, Darcy Jones, Shauna Stevens, Emily Hughes, Amanda Williams, Marcy Leathers, Pam Skandis, Heather Wellington, Stephanie Bean, and Missy Leathers.

The 7th graders team includ these people: Michelle Hoffman, Jessy Heinzelman, Shanda Vlock, Tammy Tarver, Letha Myers, Azure Russell, Tabitha Traughber, Karrie Holewa, Tristan Klimach, ,Monica Healy, Nicole Tucker, Lisa Marr, Jenna Millek, Emile Bowers, Brandi Osborn, Tracy Sikes, Jessica Zirkle, Holly Martin, Kim Boven, Heather Holewa, Lindsey Thompson, Liz Williams, Kathy Truppa, and Amanda Pritts.

R. Kracker

Mr. Wright New to us This Year

Mr. Wright said he taught ninth through twelfth grade math for ten years. He also had taught 7th and 8th grade at Three Rivers before that.

This is his first year teaching reading.

Mr. Wright is married and has four children. Two , Mandy and Misty, attend the middle school and two go to Black River. Even Mr. Wright's mother is in the Paw Paw schools. She is the middle school library aid.

Mr. Wright's hobbies are hunting, fishing, building and basketball. He has coached varsity girls' basketball and softball. At Three Rivers he had coached boys' freshman and j.v. basketball for six years.

He said his favorite animals are deer. His favorite bird is the lon. His favorite food is potatoes. He also loves hash browns, blue gills , clam chowder and potato chips.

. He likes country music.

One of Mr. Wright's special moments was getting married and building his house this past year. His memories are of his kids and college. Other special moments include listening to loons and winning the Women's District championship for 1983 and 1988.

m. wright

DEAR SAM:

Dear Sam,

My boyfriend wants to have a deep relationship with me. What should I do?

Dunno?

Dear Dunno,

Stop and think. Relationships come and go at this age and so does your self-respect if you aren't careful. This is one more time to practice just saying no.

Dear Sam,

EVery time I meet my girl friend at the movies and I think it's going to be the two of us I end up with four of them. Her loud-moth friends follow along. I don't want to dump her - just her friends. What should I do?

Help

Dear Help,

Tell your girl friend that you want to date one person not three, but be kind.

If that doesn't work,be sneaky about it. Tell your girlfriend not to tell her girl friends. Then you two might start to have some fun.

Finally , if that doesn't work, get nasty. Take twoof your most party-crazed friends with yo, without telling your girl friend, of course. when she shows up with her friends, you have other people to keep them occupied. If they don't, perhaps those carzy friends of yours will end up being asked to leave the theatre and they may end up taking her friends too!

Dear Sam,

There is this guy I like but he doesn't like me. I asked him out and he said "when the Pacific freezes over." What does that mean? Will I have to wait?

love sick

Dear Love,

Yes you're gonna have to wait. I kno you have a crush onthis guy but he doesn't sound interested. It'll be hard but you have to forget him for now. You'll find someone else in time.